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In re Application of: LeCluyse, Edward L., et al.

Group Art Unit: 1651

Serial No.: 09/527.352

Examiner: Afremova, V.

Filed: March 17, 2000

Docket No.: 421/17/2

For: METHOD OF SCREENING CANDIDATE COMPOUNDS FOR
SUSCEPTIBILITY TO BILIARY EXCRETION

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated January 27, 2003, having a term for Response that expired on February 27, 2003. A petition for a three-month extension of the response period up to and including May 27, 2003 is hereby made. Please charge the \$465.00 extension fee for a small entity to Deposit Account No. 50-0426 (duplicate of this paper attached). Favorable reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.

RESTRICTION PRESENTED

The claims have been restricted into the following groups of inventions:

| <u>Groups</u> | <u>Claims</u> | <u>Subject Matter</u> |
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| I | 67-90 | A method for an <i>in vitro</i> screening a xenobiotic for susceptibility to biliary excretion in |